

The Government has said that all pupils must attend school in September. But what does this mean for your child? We've read the latest UK government guidance and picked out some key points relevant if your child has serious health needs. Read the full article at wellchild.org.uk/backtoschool2020

The below checklist is for things you can do before September to make sure it's safe for your child to return to school. More detail can be found in the main article on the WellChild website.

- Contact your child's school to arrange a call with a trusted or senior staff member (if they have not contacted you already).
- Ask them what new measures will be put in place in September to reduce the risk of your child contracting Covid-19.
- Refer to the following list to ensure that your child's school is putting essential measures in place:**
 - a requirement that people who are ill should stay at home
 - robust hand and respiratory hygiene
 - enhanced cleaning arrangements (according to PHE guidance for cleaning in non-healthcare settings)
 - active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
 - formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school or college and wherever possible minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable
- Ask if there is any provision in place to help your child and other children return to school after such a long time away. Whilst this is not a legal requirement, schools have been strongly advised by the Government to do this.
- If your child is under the care of a specialist:** Speak to your child's healthcare specialist for shielding advice.
- They will also be able to advise if extra measures must be undertaken by your child's school with regards to care.
- If your child has an EHC plan:** Your school and/or local authority should already be in touch with you. You can ask your school what risk assessments it has undertaken and what new measures it will be putting in place to keep your child safe. Please also refer to the EHC section of WellChild "Back to School" information

